

February 22, 1979

Memo to File:

Re: Sapphire Corporation
Spectrum Quarry
Millard County
ACT/027/003

Mr. Clyde L. Cheney, President of Sapphire Corporation, visited with Division personnel on February 13th, 16th and 20th, 1979, to discuss the information required to complete the filing of their mining and reclamation plan for the Spectrum Quarry.

Basically, the information needed was a map of the area detailing the surface facilities, a signed commitment to M-10, and a more diverse seed mixture for revegetation. Most of the discussion focused on the map requirements. Mr. Cheney also explained the situation relating to Merd Corporation and their past involvement with the Spectrum Quarry and Sapphire Corporation's plans for further development.

The approval process, including bonding, was explained to Mr. Cheney. He was advised to submit the material still required under Merd's submittal, as well as any other changes in the original mining and reclamation plan.

According to Mr. Cheney, the existing airstrip is on BLM land and was constructed by Merd Corporation without his, or BLM, approval. Mr. Cheney indicated that he would like the airstrip to remain for Sapphire's use and that Sapphire would assume the responsibility for maintenance and reclamation.

Mr. Cheney stated that they might wish to begin removing overburden from the deposit on top of the hill, an area approximately 100 feet by 200 feet and averaging 10 feet in depth, prior to obtaining final approval. He was advised to present his case to the Board for their decision in the matter, either personally or in writing.

The material submitted appears to meet the requirements. Therefore, the Division should continue with the approval process.

JWS
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RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

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